

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Masato Shimakawa, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/749,345  
For : SPEECH SYNTHESIZING APPARATUS, SPEECH SYNTHESIZING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on December 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.